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In re Application of :
Minoru TAKIMOTO :
Application No. 09/729,015 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: December 4, 2000 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. FUJR 18.034 :
(100794-11554)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 24, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned, by operation of law, for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed April 21, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A two month extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on September 22, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a request for continued examination (RCE) and submission pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of April 21, 2004 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2124 for processing of the RCE and for consideration of the amendment submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.114.

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